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Dear Parents,

Term 3 really is flying by – so much has happened in a very short space of time that I cannot believe we are already halfway through the term. Thank you so much to all of you who took the time to speak with our inspectors and complete the OFSTED questionnaire during our inspection; it really is appreciated. I am incredibly proud of the children and the staff for their wonderful efforts during the inspection – the inspectors really did see Leybourne as we are and I could not be prouder of each and every single member of the team for simply continuing to do what they always do, so very well. We look forward to sharing the report with you in due course.

Staffing

Mrs Milton has very quickly settled into her new role in the office (taking a call from OFSTED on your first morning tends to help that!) and we are delighted that she has joined us. We all hope that she will be very happy here at Leybourne.

Mrs Robinson and Mrs Webster have both chosen to reduce their working hours, and are now working at the beginning and end of the week respectively. Mrs Robinson has remained in Year 2, and Mrs Webster has moved from Year 3 into Key Stage 1.

As a result of this change, I am delighted that Miss Briony Hall has rejoined us temporarily to offer support in Year 3, along with Mrs Azzopardi and Mrs Vaughan-Pollard (two of our Midday Supervisors) who are increasing their hours to provide additional in-class support.

Miss Dale is looking forward to the impending arrival of her little one, and I am delighted to say that Mrs Bryonnie Jackson has been appointed to cover Miss Dale's maternity leave. Mrs Jackson will have a week in school working alongside Miss Dale and Mrs Mitchell before Miss Dale leaves us for a while on Friday 6th March. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Jackson in due course.

Nurturing the spark of God within

"Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles" Isaiah 40:31



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Perform Drama Workshops

Key Stage 1 had a wonderful time on Wednesday enjoying drama workshops led by the Perform Drama group. The children behaved beautifully and were totally engaged – we were very proud of them all!

Blue Light First Aid Training

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to learn first aid next week. Andy Legg from Blue Light Training will teach the children basic first aid skills, including CPR. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn from a professional who also trains our school staff.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Tina Holditch

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